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1. A telegram dated 12 December 1948 from Prime Minister Riyad Sulh in Paris to the Lebanese Foreign Affairs Ministry stated that:

- a. The appointment of a conciliation commission in the Palestine dispute is favorable to the Arabs, since it postponed the final decision.
- b. Sulh is satisfied with the Arabs' success in securing the nomination of a French member to the commission and the defeat of the Anglo-Saxon effort to include an Australian member.
- c. Sulh has informed Dr. Bunche that Lebanon would consider an armistice with the Jews only on condition that all occupied Lebanese villages be evacuated by the Israelis before the start of peace negotiations.

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